

# Senate File 2209 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an area education agency mental health  
2 services collaborative grant program to be administered by  
3 the department of education, and making appropriations.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.   **256.25 Area education agency mental**  
2 **health services collaborative grant program.**

3     1. The department shall establish an area education agency  
4 mental health services collaborative grant program to award  
5 competitive grants to area education agencies annually for  
6 purposes of funding demonstration projects in which area  
7 education agencies collaborate with mental health services  
8 agencies located within the area education agency areas to make  
9 mental health therapists available to schools to proactively  
10 address student mental and behavioral health.

11    2. The department shall develop grant application,  
12 selection, and evaluation criteria.

13    3. The application shall address accountability measures  
14 that the area education agency will take and describe the  
15 organizational and collaborative process to be employed by  
16 the area education agency and the one or more participating  
17 mental health services agencies. An area education agency or a  
18 consortium of area education agencies may apply for a grant.

19    4. Each demonstration project shall be conducted for a  
20 minimum of three years.

21    5. Grants shall be distributed by August 1 or as soon as  
22 practicable in amounts as determined by the department.

23    6. The department shall submit progress reports analyzing  
24 the status and preliminary findings of the demonstration  
25 projects to the state board, the governor, and the general  
26 assembly by January 15 annually. The department shall  
27 summarize the findings of each project, and submit the summary  
28 and any recommendations in a final report to the state board,  
29 the governor, and the general assembly by January 15, 2018.

30    7. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
31 state to the department, for the following fiscal years,  
32 the following amounts, to be used for providing grants in  
33 accordance with this section:

34    a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending  
35 June 30, 2015, the sum of two million dollars.

1     *b.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending  
2 June 30, 2016, the sum of two million dollars.

3     *c.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending  
4 June 30, 2017, the sum of two million dollars.

5       8. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or  
6 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for  
7 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall  
8 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for  
9 the purposes of this section.

10      9. This section is repealed July 1, 2018.

11	EXPLANATION
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12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill enacts new Code section 256.25 directing the  
15 department of education to establish an area education agency  
16 mental health services collaborative grant program to award  
17 competitive grants to area education agencies (AEAs) annually  
18 for purposes of funding demonstration projects in which AEAs  
19 collaborate with mental health services agencies to make mental  
20 health therapists available to schools to proactively address  
21 student mental and behavioral health. The bill appropriates  
22 \$2 million annually to the department from the general fund of  
23 the state for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 fiscal  
24 years for grant program purposes, and allows the moneys to  
25 carryforward to the next succeeding fiscal year for the same  
26 purposes.

27 The department shall develop grant application, selection,  
28 and evaluation criteria. The application shall address  
29 accountability measures that the AEA will take and describe the  
30 organizational and collaborative process to be employed by the  
31 AEA and the one or more participating mental health services  
32 agencies. An AEA or a consortium of AEAs may apply for a grant.

33 The department shall submit progress reports analyzing the  
34 status and preliminary findings of the projects to the state  
35 board, the governor, and the general assembly by January 15

1 annually. The department shall summarize the findings of each  
2 project, and submit the summary and any recommendations in a  
3 final report to the state board, the governor, and the general  
4 assembly by January 15, 2018.

5 The program is repealed July 1, 2018.